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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application, and is filed within one month of the three-month shortened statutory period set for response to the Office Action. The Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, and requests that the necessary extension or time fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-3080.

**The Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper; and  
**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.